



United States Department of State

Bureau of Human Resources

Washington, DC 20520

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MuckRock News
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Dear MuckRock News:

This is the initial agency decision on your March 25, 2019, FOIA request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State (DOS), in which you requested materials related to the funding, staffing, and activities of this FOIA office.

The Department of State, Office of Information and Program Services (IPS) received your FOIA request on April 2, 2019. Your FOIA request was assigned the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request.

Please be advised that a search has been conducted in the Bureau of Human Resources, Office of Records and Information Management and no responsive records subject to the FOIA were located.

For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison via email at Foiastatus@state.gov or by telephone at (202) 261-8484.

If you are not satisfied with DOS's determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer, Appeals Review Panel, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS), U.S. Department of State, State Annex 2 (SA-2), 515 22nd Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100, or faxed to (202) 261-8571. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this initial agency decision letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

Additionally, if you are not satisfied with DOS's determination in response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email address: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; facsimile: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Terrence D. Grows", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Terrence D. Grows
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